

Criterion	Level 0 – Not recommended for scientific publication	Level 2 – High standard	Level 3 – Highest quality	Sources and proposed indicators
I. Reputation	I.0.a. The journal has low or no status within its field	I.2.a. The journal is leading within its field	I.3.a. The journal belongs to the top tier within its field	Norwegian list Finish list Nature Index Association with learned societies
		I.2.b. The journal has a good overall reputation, including with respect to the publisher and its editors	I.3.b. The journal has a very good overall reputation, including with respect to the publisher and its editors	
II. Innovation and originality	-	-	II.3.a. The journal publishes groundbreaking research that pushes the scientific field forward	Acceptance rate Proportion review articles
		II.2.a. The journal publishes interdisciplinary methods of high quality	II.3.b. The journal publishes interdisciplinary methods of the highest quality	
		II.2.b. The journal publishes research with high news value	II.3.c. The journal publishes research with very high news value	
		II.2.c. The journal is selective in which articles are published	II.3.d. The journal is highly selective in which articles are published	
		II.2.d. The journal prioritizes original research (incl. systematic reviews) over non-systematic reviews, letters, and commentaries	-	
III. Peer review	III.0.a. The journal lacks or has inadequate processes for peer-review	-	-	Indirectly via: Medline Web of Science
	III.0.b. The journal has poorly developed procedures for assessing the competence of reviewers	III.2.a. The journal carefully verifies the competence and independence of reviewers		
	-	III.2.b. The journal clearly describes the structures for editorial control and decision-making after peer review		
IV. Impact and utilization	IV.0.a. The journal has no or very limited impact	IV.2.a. The journal has significant impact and visibility	IV.3.a. The journal has very significant impact and visibility	Citation indicators, e.g., JIF Discipline specific databases, e.g.: Scopus Embase Cinahl PsychInfo
	IV.0.b. The journal targets a narrow geographical audience (local/national) and has little or no international impact	IV.2.b. The journal has significant international impact in terms of authors, readership, dissemination, and editors	IV.3.b. The journal has very significant international impact in terms of authors, readership, dissemination, and editors	
	-	IV.2.c. The journal publishes research with potential for utilization or application, e.g., through impact on clinical or basic science practice	IV.3.c. The journal publishes research with very high potential for utilization or application, e.g., through impact on clinical or basic science practice	
V. Organization and communication	V.0.a. The journal's website has unclear/incorrect/outdated/deceptive/insufficient information concerning, e.g., the publisher, bibliographic information, editorial processes, peer-review, editors and citation indicators	-	-	Cabell's Predatory Reports International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)
	V.0.b. The journal has unprofessional communication and unclear information on its website concerning aims and scope			
	V.0.c. The journal has aggressive marketing practices to solicit manuscripts and/or special issues and recruitment of editors			
	V.0.d. The journal has inadequate or unstable practices and/or infrastructure for archiving leading to high risk for loss of content			
	V.0.e. The journal has an unclear ownership structure and non-transparent funding and fees			
	V.0.f. The journal lacks oversight concerning research ethics in the publication			
	V.0.g. The journal has unclear/misleading/non-transparent instructions concerning the publication process, ethics, AI tools and authorship			
	V.0.h. The journal has an unstable organization, poor continuity and irregular publication frequency			
VI. Open science	-	VI.2.a. The journal has policies promoting preregistration of study protocols and analysis plans	-	Directory of Open Access Journals Open Policy Finder
		VI.2.b. The journal has policies promoting access to open data		